

I entering my comments in support of the Homeland Public Press initiative under the FCC File/Docket RM-10765, founded by the NASDAW <<http://www.nasdaw.org/>> organization through the experimentation of George Hutchison of Auburn Washington.

Let me assure you that this is a worthwhile project on more than one level. Since 9/11 we have all been painfully aware of our vulnerabilities regarding terrorist attacks. Information sharing is essential in fending off future attacks.

Recently the eastern states suffered a powerful several-day power outage. Information in and out of these areas was limited to TV and radio outlets that still had power. Even as I type this message, several devastating Internet viruses and worms and bringing email and Internet to a crawl. The Homeland Public Press could become a valuable stopgap in these uncertain times.

The people behind NASDAW are a devoted group of "techies" that both enjoy and appreciate the science of radio. I myself am a licensed Amateur radio operator (K6FIB), a short-wave and broadcast band radio listener and the Emergency Coordinator (EC) for the Amateur Radio Emergency Service ARES unit serving Marion County, Oregon. I for one, know the value of having an alternate method of receiving information. The Homeland Public Press is just that method.

It will provide information in various formats decoded with simple equipment. Software for decoding RTTY is available for free via the World Wide Web. Software for other formats under discussion are also freely available. Text based news delivery is also ideal for the visually handicapped and can be easily converted to Braille, printed text or speech synthesis.

There are also many that collect and restore Teletype equipment. The Homeland Public Press would allow them to print important news via these classic devices. Museums would also have content for "live" displays of this early computer data technology.

All this being said, I ask that you do whatever possible to approve this excellent public service. Tests having taken place over the last several years prove that this technology is viable for news and information delivery. Unfortunate occurrences here in the USA point to its practical viability and its value as a Homeland Security contingency.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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